

## GROUP THINK

Should students be compelled to attend school? Why or why not?

Group 1:

For all its flaws compulsory education is an equalizer and a necessary component of a healthy and vibrant society. The debate over how schools should be structured or what the best focus of education should be is valid and ongoing, but we believe social and academic educational experiences are priceless for all students regardless of familial faith, traditions, or politics.

Group 2:

Yes, education should be compulsory; however, starting in middle school, school should give students a wider variety of options to capitalize on student interests and the values of the community.

Group 3:

Yes, but things need to change – classes and skills taught need to be interest driven with a lot more options to the students. We need to teach vocational skills that families and students see the values for in their lives.

Group 4:

Students should be compelled to receive an education in some form in a system that has more inclusive, community-centered, public alternatives than are currently offered.